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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1 through 19 without prejudice.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS -- 20 THROUGH 42 --

-- 20. A method of treating a secondary metastatic tumor in the central nervous system of a mammal, which method comprises the step of administering to the said mammal an effective amount of a mutant herpes simplex virus type 1 which has a non-functional $\gamma 34.5$ gene in the long repeat region (R_L).